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Drug-Free Communities Support Program

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What Is The Program?

The purpose of the Federal Drug-Free Communities Support Program is to reduce substance abuse in youth and, over time, among adults through engaging coalitions in effective community-wide change initiatives.

In Washington State, DFC-funded coalitions have formed a network that shares information, support, and training opportunities with each other. DBHR hosts a meeting for the network of Washington DFC grantees each fall during the Prevention Summit for training and forum activities. Current and prospective grantees are invited to attend a workshop each year sponsored by DBHR to build capacity to apply for this funding. The DBHR liaison with the DFC program is available to provide training and technical assistance to existing coalitions and to support new coalitions to form and develop the readiness to apply for DFC funding.

What Populations Are Served/Who Is Eligible For These Services?

Currently 29 diverse communities in Washington State receive this competitive grant funding – ranging from inner city Cambodian communities of Seattle to the rural communities of Kittitas County. Coalitions must meet specific criteria to be eligible to apply, including:

- Coalition must have active representation from 12 specific sectors.
- Coalition must have been in existence for at least six months before the grant application is due.
- Coalition must focus on multiple substances as indicated in the coalition mission statement.

What Is The Biennial Funding Amount and Source(s)?

Up to \$125,000 each year may be requested with an equal cash or in-kind, non-Federal match. The Office of Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) funds the program with oversight responsibilities and the Substance Abuse Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) administers the program.

The DFC Request for Applications comes out each year in January and is due approximately eight weeks later. If funded and successfully implemented, funding continues for five years, at which time, the coalition can re-apply competitively for another five years of funding.

The ONDCP Drug Free Communities website at <http://www.ondcp.gov/dfc/> has additional information.